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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report, mandated by the General Assembly in its resolution 70/94, pertains to the transmittal of information from the administering Powers called for under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations.

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1. Under the terms of Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations, States Members of the United Nations that have or assume responsibilities for the administration of Territories whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government undertake to transmit regularly to the Secretary-General information relating to the economic, social and educational conditions in the Territories for which they are respectively responsible, other than those Territories to which Chapters XII and XIII apply. In addition, the General Assembly, in several resolutions, the most recent of which was resolution 70/94, has requested the administering Powers concerned to transmit or continue to transmit to the Secretary-General the information prescribed in Article 73 *e*, as well as the fullest possible information on political and constitutional developments in the Territories concerned.

2. The table annexed to the present report provides the dates on which information called for under Article 73 *e* was transmitted to the Secretary-General for 2015, with data for 2014 provided for reference purposes.

3. The information transmitted under Article 73 *e* generally follows the standard form approved by the General Assembly and includes information on geography, history and population and economic, social and educational conditions. The annual reports of the Territories also include information on constitutional matters, as appropriate.

4. In compliance with the provisions of paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 1970 (XVIII) and other relevant resolutions, including in particular resolution 66/82, the Secretariat has continued to use the information transmitted in the preparation for the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples of working papers on each Territory. The Special Committee has taken this information into account in formulating its decisions on these Territories, which are set forth in the relevant chapters of the Committee's report to the Assembly (A/70/23). The report also contains an account of the action taken by the Special Committee in the implementation of resolution 1970 (XVIII) (see A/70/23, chap. VII).

5. It is recommended that the information received from the administering Powers on the Territories be used in the preparation of the working papers of the Secretariat and discussed by the Special Committee at its annual session.

Annex

Dates of transmission of information under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations and period covered[a]

	Information received in 2015		*Information received in 2016*	
	Date of transmission	*Period covered*	*Date of transmission*	*Period covered*
France				
New Caledonia[b]	8 January 2015	2014	13 January 2016	2015
French Polynesia[c]	–	2014	–	2015
New Zealand				
Tokelau	20 January 2015	2014	21 December 2015	2015
Spain				
Western Sahara[d]	–		–	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland				
All British Non-Self-Governing Territories				
Anguilla	29 December 2014	2014	11 January 2016	2015
Bermuda	29 December 2014	2014	11 January 2016	2015
British Virgin Islands	29 December 2014	2014	11 January 2016	2015
Cayman Islands	29 December 2014	2014	11 January 2016	2015
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)[e]	29 December 2014	2014	11 January 2016	2015
Gibraltar	5 January 2015	2014	11 January 2016	2015
Montserrat	29 December 2014	2014	11 January 2016	2015
Pitcairn	29 December 2014	2014	11 January 2016	2015
Saint Helena	29 December 2014	2014	11 January 2016	2015
Turks and Caicos Islands	29 December 2014	2014	11 January 2016	2015
United States of America				
American Samoa	14 January 2015	2014	13 January 2016	2015
Guam	14 January 2015	2014	13 January 2016	2015
United States Virgin Islands	14 January 2015	2014	13 January 2016	2015

[a] For a preliminary list of Territories to which the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV)) applies, see A/5446/Rev.1, annex I.

[b] According to its resolution 41/41 A, the General Assembly considers that, in the light of the provisions of Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations and Assembly resolutions 1514 (XV) and 1541 (XV), New Caledonia is a Non-Self-Governing Territory within the meaning of the Charter.

[c] According to its resolution 67/265, the General Assembly recognizes that, in the light of the provisions of Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations and Assembly resolution 1514 (XV), French Polynesia remains a Non-Self-Governing Territory within the meaning of the Charter.

[d] On 26 February 1976, the Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations informed the Secretary-General that "the Spanish Government, as of today, definitely terminates its presence in the Territory of the Sahara and deems it necessary to place the following on record: ... (a) Spain considers itself henceforth exempt from any responsibility of an international nature in connection with the administration of the said Territory, in view of the cessation of its participation in the temporary administration established for the Territory ..." (see A/31/56-S/11997). For the printed text, see *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-first Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1976*.

[e] A dispute exists between the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning sovereignty over the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (see ST/CS/SER.A/42).